

Preview of the 77th Manitoba Derby

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Assiniboia Downs



2024 Manitoba Derby Winner Bricklayer

Owner: Larry Gourneau, Jr. Trainer: Larry Gourneau, Jr. Jockey: Luis Fuentes (*Jason Halstead photos*)



65 Years Ago - 1960 Winner - Bocage - 1st Manitoba Derby run at Assiniboia Downs

Owner: J.Y. Stable Trainer: George Howell Jockey: Guy Contrada



50 Years Ago - 1975 Winner - L'Enjoleur

Owner: Jean-Louis Levesque Trainer: John Starr
Jockey: Sandy Hawley



2000 Scotman

25 Years Ago - 2000 Winner - Scotman

Owner: Lomar Stable & Scott Wilson Trainer: Pam McDougall
Jockey: Chris McGregor

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Monday, August 4 - Racing starts at 7:30 p.m.

- \$125,000 Manitoba Derby for 3-year olds presented by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries.
- \$50,000 Harvey Warner Manitoba Mile for 3-year-olds & upward.
- \$50,000 Escape Clause Stakes for Fillies & Mares 3-year-olds & upward.
- Mandatory payout of the ASD Jackpot Pick 5. Current carryover is \$465,217. Wagering on the pool is expected to be between \$1 million and \$2 million.
- \$100,000 Guaranteed Pick 4.
- Derby Sweepstakes. Win a \$100 win wager on a Derby horse.
- Wear your fancy Derby hat or best Derby attire and take your photo in front of the Manitoba Derby backdrop in the lobby, fill out a ballot and you could win a \$100 ASD gift card.
- Free Family Fun. Bouncy castles, face painting & entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Special Derby history display by Track Historian Bob Gates.
- Free admission and free parking.





By Bob Gates
Track Historian

The first Manitoba Derby was run in 1930, although from 1930 to 1933 it was known as the Manitoba Stakes. It should come as no surprise that Manitoba's most prestigious race was the brainchild of Robert James Speers, the acknowledged father of Thoroughbred racing in the prairie provinces. Speers established the race to provide horsepeople with an opportunity to showcase their 3-year-old Thoroughbreds foaled in Western Canada.

In 1936, the Derby was opened to all horses bred in Canada. The race was run annually at Polo Park Racetrack, except in 1937 when it was held at Whittier Park in St. Boniface. In 1941, the name of the race was changed to the Canadian Derby. Few people realize that the heart and soul of the Canadian Derby lie in Winnipeg—and that the Canadian Derby was actually born out of the Manitoba Derby. At the time, Canada was the only major country without a national Derby, so R. J. Speers sacrificed the Manitoba name in favour of a national identity.

The Canadian Derby continued at Polo Park until the track closed in 1956, after which the race was relocated to Edmonton. When Assiniboia Downs opened in 1958, Jack Hardy made an effort to bring the race back to Winnipeg but was unsuccessful, and the Canadian Derby remained in Edmonton.

In 1960, the Manitoba Derby and its storied past—spanning 11 previous editions from 1930 to 1940—was resurrected. Assiniboia Downs has proudly hosted the race ever since. In 1985, the Manitoba Derby became an open event for all 3-year-old Thoroughbreds. To date, three Manitoba-breds have won the race: Gowerlace in 1938, Merry's Jay in 1976, and Royal Frolic in 1993.

On July 15, 1970, Assiniboia Downs welcomed the royal family when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II attended the Manitoba Centennial Derby, accompanied by Prince Philip, Princess Anne, and Prince Charles (now King Charles III). Her Majesty presented the Queen's Cup to the winning connections, marking the first time the trophy—donated by the Queen—was presented for the annual competition.

The list of Manitoba Derby winners includes national and local champions such as Fanfreluche, Overskate, and Merry's Jay, and renowned owners including Jean-Louis Lévesque, Bob and Bill Mitchell, and Phil Kives' K5 Stables. Hall of Fame jockeys Sandy Hawley, Julie Krone, and Robin Platts are among the many riding greats who have won the Manitoba Derby. Notable trainers with multiple victories include Gil Rowntree, A. E. "Bert" Blake, Yonnie Starr, and Roger Attfield. However, conditioner Robertino Diodoro holds the record with four Manitoba Derby wins (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022). Diodoro also achieved a remarkable feat in 2022 when his horses finished first, second, and third in the race.

Today, we salute all participants—past and present—who have made the Manitoba Derby what it is today!



Previous winners of the Manitoba Derby



YEAR	HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	PURSE
2024	Bricklayer	Larry Gourneau, Jr.	L. Gourneau, Jr.	L. Fuentes	\$125,000 G.
2023	Mano Dura	Henry S. Witt, Jr.	J. Gourneau	A. Whitehall	\$125,000 G.
2022	Red Knobs	Rob K. Nokes	Robertino Diodoro	J. Carreno	\$100,000 G.
2021	Uncharacteristic	Adam Isfeld	R. VanOverschot	A. Marti	\$100,000 G.
2020	Mongolian Wind	Mongolian Stable & Andy Stronach	W. Eno	W. Galviz	\$60,000 G.
2019	Oil Money	Charles Garvey	R. Diodoro	O. Mojica	\$75,000 G.
2018	Sky Promise	R. & C. Wiest, R6 Stable & N. Tremblay	R. Diodoro	R. Walcott	\$75,000 G.
2017	Plentiful	M. Duncan & Estate of Garryle B. Stewart	M. Duncan	T. Nelson	\$75,000 G.
2016	Inside Straight	Randy Howg	R. Diodoro	S. Stevens	\$75,000 G.
2015	Flashy Jewel	Lothenbach Stables Inc.	C. Brinson	A. Morales	\$75,000 G.
2014	Street Prancer	Mike McCarty	S. Asmussen	J. Samuel	\$75,000 G.
2013	Assembly Hall	Bryan Porter & Dennis Goettsch	B. Porter	A. Canchari	\$75,000 G.
2012	Balooga Bull	Paul Brandt	Ardell Saylor	P. Nolan	\$75,000 G.
2011	Hammer's Bullet	Terry Hamilton	C. Brinson	M. Anderson	\$75,000 G.
2010	Stachys	Al & Bill Ulwelling	M. Biehler	E. Martin Jr.	\$75,000 G.
2009	Smuggler's Hold	Bryan Porter	T. Padilla	A. Morales	\$75,000 G.
2008	Matt's Broken Vow	Robert Mitchell	J. Carroll	A. Cuthbertson	\$100,000 G.
2007	Weather Warning	Shyman Farms	M. Drexler	P. Leacock	\$100,000 G.
2006	Lord Kipling	Center Hills Farm	A. Blair	S. Stevens	\$100,000 G.
2005	Prime Time T.V.	Rob Mitchell	A.E. Blake	T. Hightower	\$100,000 G.
2004	Royalty Boy	Antingham, Propp & Gromoff	B. Phelan	R. Simard	\$100,000 G.
2003	Hero's Pleasure	Jean Duke	D. Oliver	S. Stevens	\$100,000 G.
2002	Lord Shogun	Canyon Farms	R. VanOverschot	Q. Welch	\$100,000 G.
2001	Stage Classic	Dominion Bloodstock, Ball, Galbraith	D. Cotey	C. Montpellier	\$100,000 G.
2000	Scotman	Lomar Stable & Scott Wilson	P. McDougall	C. McGregor	\$100,000 G.
1999	Wafare Warrior	Dominion Bloodstock, Ball, Galbraith	A. McPherson	F. Licata	\$100,000 G.
1998	A Fleets Dancer	C & D Allard	R. Cone	R. Simard	\$100,000 G.
1997	My Imperial Slew	J.R. Belanger	J. Attard	R. Dos Ramos	\$75,000 G.
1996	Northernprospector	K-5 Stable	E. Corbel	F. Licata	\$50,000 G.
1995	Langara Island	DNA Stable	D. Smith	K. Hendricks	\$50,000 G.
1994	P.C.'s Bluff	Stan Ryan	T. Dodds	J. Litton	\$50,000 G.
1993	Royal Frolic	A.E. Blake & W.F. Mitchell	A.E. Blake	L. Bird	\$100,000 G.
1992	Jan Artic	Hartley Stable & Khan	D. Hartley	G. Niblett	\$100,000 G.
1991	Plenty Chilly	K-5 Stable	D. Gray	F. Licata	\$100,000 G.
1990	Reancy	Doug Zaharichuk	L. Barry	T. Masters	\$100,000 G.
1989	Rough Catch	Gray/Bozniak/Warner	C.J. Gray	T. Kabel	\$100,000 G.
1988	No Malice	Rocco Marcello	B. Marko	J. Krone	\$100,000 G.
1987	Steady Power	Kinghaven Farms	R. Attfield	D. Seymour	\$75,000 G.
1986	Steady Effort	Kinghaven Farms	R. Attfield	R. Platts	\$75,000 G.
1985	Kamp Out	Gelt Farms	A. Turner	J. Bloom	\$75,000 G.
1984	Ten Gold Pots	BKY Stable	G. Rowntree	G. Stahlbaum	\$45,000 A.
1983	Gone To Royalty	P.L. Levesque	J. Dumas	I. Driedger	\$45,000 A.
1982	Exclusive Canadian	B.K. Yousif	G. Rowntree	D. Beckon	\$35,000 A.
1981	Regimen	B. Rausch	M. Doyle	D. Beckon	\$35,000 A.
1980	Country Free	1/4 Acre Stable	L. Moser	R. Hansen	\$35,000 A.
1979	Easter's Memory	Canadian West Ranches	H. Barroby	B. Johnson	\$35,000 A.
1978	Overskate	Stafford Farm	G. Rowntree	R. Platts	\$35,000 A.
1977	Giboulee	J.L. Levesque	J. Dumas	R. Grubb	\$30,000 A.
1976	Merry's Jay	Hugh Jackson	C. Gray	K. Hendricks	\$30,000 A.
1975	L'Enjoleur	J.L. Levesque	J. Starr	S. Hawley	\$30,000 A.
1974	Rushton's Corsair	A.W. Minshall	G. Magnusson	W. Green	\$100,000 G.
1973	Zaca Spirit	Bo-Teek Farms	C.F. Chapman	R. Grubb	\$100,000 G.
1972	Nice Dancer	Morton & Harlequin	J.G. Lavigne	B. Stewart	\$70,000 G.
1971	Speedy Zephyr	G. Rathbeg	L. Lear	H. Hinojosa	\$70,000 G.
1970	Fanfreluche	J.L. Levesque	J. Starr	R. Turcotte	\$70,000 G.
1969	Fire 'N Desire	S. Lima & M. Rose	W.H. Moorhead	R. Armstrong	\$12,500 A.
1968	Son Costume	Pal-Son Stable	W.H. Moorhead	R. Pion	\$12,500 A.
1967	Gilmore	Golden West Farm	R. Johnson	G. Rasmussen	\$12,500 A.
1966	Carodana	Valcrest Farm	E. Mann	T. Inouve	\$10,000 A.
1965	Flyalong	Hays & Weldon	D.H. Campbell	C. Potts	\$10,000 A.
1964	Langcrest	S.J. Langill	E. Mann	S. McComb	\$10,000 A.
1963	Brother Leo	W.H. Murphy	W.H. Murphy	F. Inda	\$7,500 A.
1962	Welcome Effort	Golden West Farms	R. Johnson	S. Shields	\$7,500 A.
1961	Windspray	Windfield Farms	G. Howell	S. Cosentino	\$5,000 A.
1960	Bocage	J.Y. Stable	G. Howell	G. Contrada	\$5,000 A.
THE DERBY WAS DISCONTINUED IN 1941					
1940	Sir Trapseth	John Hazza	V. Arndt	R. Nielson	\$2,000 A.
1939	Larry Eckhardt	K.M. Leach	E. Johanson	J. Craigmyle	\$2,000 A.
1938	Gowerlace	Whitter S. Farm	D.H. Campbell	R. Hightshoe	\$2,000 A.
1937	Goldlure	H.C. Hatch	J. Hamilton	S. Young	\$2,000 A.
1936	Sweepden	H.C. Hatch	W.H. Bringloe	L. DuPre	\$2,000 A.
1935	Nellie Quince	Big 4 Stable	S. Brunson	W. Moiter	\$2,000 A.
1934	Caramar	Mrs. R. Leavitt	C.T. Leavitt	W. Chidgrey	\$2,000 A.
1933	Carhan Queen	Mrs. R. Leavitt	C.T. Leavitt	J. Craigmyle	\$2,000 A.
1932	Lady Marnock	F. Johnston	W.R. McGirr	J. Longden	\$2,000 A.
1931	Parisienne	T. Burton	L.C. Barnes	J. Mattioli	\$2,000 A.
1930	Jack Whittier	L. Ronald	L. Ronald	D. Hurlburt	\$2,000 A.

THE 77th RUNNING OF THE MANITOBA DERBY



Manitoba Derby Starters

1 1/8 Miles. The 77th Running of the Manitoba Derby

Presented by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries

Purse: \$125,000 Guaranteed 3-Year-Olds.

Weights: Fillies, 119 lbs. Colts & Geldings, 122 lbs.



Post Position

1 Probable Odds: 15-1	BORDER SONG 3 Year Old - Dark Bay - Gelding	Owners: JDP Holdings Ltd. and Ironside Stables, Ltd. Trainer: Robert Van Overschot Jockey: Brian Boodramsingh
2 Probable Odds: 12-1	ACKNOWLEDGE 3 Year Old - Bay - Gelding	Owners: Wind Dancer Stable, Bill Meikle and Keith Wright Trainer: Wendy Anderson Jockey: Damario Bynoe
3 Probable Odds: 25-1	MR JAWS 3 Year Old - Chestnut - Gelding	Owner: Henry S. Witt, Jr. Trainer: Jerry Gourneau Jockey: Prayven Badrie
4 Probable Odds: 8-1	ATTACK 3 Year Old - Bay - Gelding	Owners: Highfield Investment Group Inc., Dialed In Racing Stable, Bruce Appleyard, Jamie Graham, Lucky Diamonds Racing, Smokin Guns Stable, James Bauder, Robert Bauder, John O'Neill and Leslie O'Neill Trainer: Craig Robert Smith Jockey: N'Rico Prescod
5 Probable Odds: 50-1	WAR IS HELL 3 Year Old - Chestnut - Gelding	Owners: Homer Thoroughbreds Trainer: Jason Homer Jockey: Ciera Pruitt
6 Probable Odds: 15-1	MALDINI 3 Year Old - Bay - Colt	Owners: Arnason Farms, Oslen S. Belle and Cristina C. Belle Trainer: Lise Pruitt Jockey: Sven Balroop
7 Probable Odds: 1-2	TAKE CHARGE TOM 3 Year Old - Dark Bay - Gelding	Owner: Randy Howg Trainer: Robertino Diodoro Jockey: Rasheed Hughes
8 Probable Odds: 5-1	JUST TRUST ME 3 Year Old - Bay - Colt	Owners: Eugene Burns and Dewey Williams Trainer: Dewey Williams Jockey: Antonio Whitehall



ACKNOWLEDGE

3 Year Old - Bay - Gelding

Owners: Wind Dancer Stable, Bill Meikle and Keith Wright

Trainer: Wendy Anderson • Jockey: Damario Bynoe

ACKNOWLEDGE

Pedigree: Authentic (\$75,000)-Call to Service by To Honor and Serve
Bred in Louisiana by Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (Feb 24, 2022)

Probable odds: 12-1

Claimed for \$40,000 on May 9 at Churchill Downs, Acknowledge had been testing very tough company in route races at Fair Grounds and Churchill Downs before arriving at Assiniboia Downs.

The talented son of Authentic was always meant to be a good horse, having been purchased for \$300,000 as a yearling in the Keeneland September Yearling Sale and again for \$310,000 in a Florida 2-year-olds-in-training sale.

A half-brother to multiple stakes winner and Grade 1-placed The Wine Steward, Acknowledge broke his maiden by 9 ¼ lengths going a mile in a maiden special weight race at the Fair Grounds. He then went on to run just the kind of Beyer Speed Figures you need to win the Manitoba Derby, while finishing second and third in a \$50,000 claiming race and an allowance race—both over a route of ground at Churchill Downs.

In his only local start for trainer Wendy Anderson, after a month off, the son of Kentucky Derby (G1) and Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Authentic finished fourth in an allowance race going six furlongs. He should now be ready to get back to what he does best, for a trainer who excels at the same thing—winning route races when it counts. Last year, Anderson accomplished the rare feat of winning the 1 1/8-mile Gold Cup at Assiniboia Downs in back-to-back years with the same horse, Magic Tiger. The numbers are there.

And so is the trainer.

Acknowledge

OBS MAR 2YO 2024 \$310,000

B.g.3 Authentic (\$75,000)-Call to Service by To Honor and Serve
Bred in Louisiana by Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (Feb 24, 2022)

22Jul25	7 Asd	ft	6f	:24 ⁶⁹	:48 ²⁷	1:14 ⁵⁷	3†	Alw 18000nw2/L	34-67	8 5	54 ¹ ₂	42 ³ ₄	54 ¹ ₄	43 ¹ ₂	Bynoe D	117	fL	*.30	2025:	6 0 1 1	\$25,897	Turf:	0 0 0 0	\$0
22Jun25	4 CD	ft	7½	:22 ⁵⁰	:44 ⁹⁹	1:27 ⁸³	3	Str 50000nw1/x	77-84	6 3	41 ¹ ₂	43	42 ¹ ₂	36 ³ ₄	Lanerie C J	120	L	7.36	2024:	3 1 1 0	\$47,238	Off Track:	0 0 0 0	\$0
29May25	2 CD	ft	1m	:46 ²⁴	1:10 ⁴⁴	1:35 ²⁴	3†	Clm 50000nw2/L	67-87	3 5 ²	31 ¹ ₂	32 ¹ ₂	32	25 ¹ ₄	Lanerie C J	118	L	16.67	Life:	9 1 2 1	\$73,135	Distance:	0 0 0 0	\$0
09May25	5 CD	ft	1m	:46 ¹⁸	1:11 ²⁰	1:35 ⁸⁶	3	Clm 40000-c	71-58	5 2 ^{hd}	1 ^{hd}	32	6 ⁸	61 ⁸	Ortiz J L	118	L	2.57	ASD:	1 0 0 0	\$900	Course:	0 0 0 0	\$0
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13Dec24	8 FG	ft	1m	:48 ²¹	1:13 ⁰⁷	1:39 ⁹⁹	2	Msw 58000	66-77	2 21 ¹ ₂	21	11 ¹ ₂	14	19 ¹ ₄	Ortiz J L	120	L	*.05	Rvrse Merger118 ³ ₄ Conquering Ct118 ⁴ ₂ Derek's Lw118 ^{hd} vied ins winner, caved					7
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Workout(s): 15 Jul 25 Asd 4F ft :50.2b 3/14 22 May 25 Ttc 4F ft :50b 11/28 1 May 25 Kee 4F wf :49.1b 23/55 24 Apr 25 Kee 4F ft :49b 37/66																			Acknowledge120 ³ ₄ Same Play120 ³ ₄ Uninspired120 ³ ₄ prss 2w, cleard, lug 1/8					8
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ATTACK

3 Year Old - Bay - Gelding

Owners: Highfield Investment Group Inc., Dialed In Racing Stable, Bruce Appleyard,
Jamie Graham, Lucky Diamonds Racing, Smokin Guns Stable, James Bauder,
Robert Bauder, John O'Neill and Leslie O'Neill

Trainer: Craig Robert Smith • Jockey: N'Rico Prescod

ATTACK

Probable odds: 8-1

Pedigree: Munnings (\$40,000)-Ammannati (IRE) by Galileo (IRE)
Bred in Kentucky by Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (Apr 27, 2022)

Attack ships in from Alberta for top trainer Craig Robert Smith, who is currently battling for the lead in the standings at Century Mile in Edmonton after winning the trainer title there in 2023 and 2024.

A son of multiple graded stakes winner Munnings, who has sired 84 stakes winners including multiple Grade 1 winner Jack Christopher, Attack's dam, Ammannati, is a half-sister to \$238,000 earner Hidden Enemy, and his second dam is Juddmonte Spinster Stakes (G1) winner and millionaire Acoma.

Attack began his career at Woodbine, winning a maiden special weight race in his second start as a 2-year-old going 1 1/16 miles. He then shipped to Gulfstream Park, where he finished a narrowly beaten third in an allowance race going the Manitoba Derby distance of 1 1/8 miles. In his third start as a 3-year-old, he finished a bid-making fifth in a rich allowance race at Keeneland Racecourse in Kentucky, going 1 3/16 miles on the turf.

Back to Canada for his most recent start, Attack finished fourth off a 10-week layoff in an allowance race at Century Mile going seven furlongs on July 4—which should be a perfect prep for his Manitoba Derby run. And his trainer certainly knows how to get a horse primed for a big year. Smith was the trainer who prepped last year's leading earner at Assiniboia Downs, No Show No Call, for his big 3-year-old season.

Could easily outrun his odds.

Attack

FT MAY DIG 2025 \$70,000

B.g.3 Munnings (\$40,000)-Ammannati (IRE) by Galileo (IRE)

Bred in Kentucky by Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (Apr 27, 2022)

04Jul25	4 Ctm	ft	7f	:22 ⁹⁹	:45 ⁷⁵	1:23 ⁴³	3	Alw 25000
23Apr25	4 Kee	fm	① ³⁰	1 ³⁶	:49 ⁰⁵	1:14 ³⁷	1:50 ⁰³	3
13Mar25	8 GP	ft	◇	1 ⁶	:50 ⁶²	1:13 ⁸¹	1:50 ³⁰	3
09Feb25	4 GP	fm	① ³¹	1m	:47 ⁰⁸	1:10 ¹⁴	1:33 ⁶⁷	3
06Dec24	3 WO	ft	◇	1 ⁷⁰	:51 ²²	1:14 ⁶⁸	1:44 ⁰³	2
17Nov24	6 WO	ft	◇	1 ⁶	:48 ²⁹	1:13 ⁹⁹	1:45 ⁵⁸	2
06Oct24	6 WO	ft	◇	1 ⁷⁰	:50 ⁵²	1:15 ²⁶	1:44 ⁴⁹	2
Workout(s):	18 Jul 25 Ctm	5F	ft	1:02h	10/17			
	30 Jun 25 Ctm	4F	ft	:48.3h	5/11			

51-76	3	4	44	51 ¹ ₄	41 ¹ ₂	42 ¹ ₂	Prescod N	120	bL	*1.10
85-94	10	41 ¹ ₂	31 ¹ ₂	31 ¹ ₂	32 ¹ ₂	53 ¹ ₂	Velazquez J R	118	bL	21.86
63-87	4	21 ¹ ₂	21 ¹ ₂	21 ¹ ₂	21 ¹ ₂	33 ¹ ₂	Davis D	121	bL	*1.80
81-79	6	85 ¹ ₄	86 ¹ ₄	64 ¹ ₂	66 ¹ ₂	56 ¹ ₂	Castellano J	120	bL	4.90
82-82	3	58 ¹ ₂	55 ¹ ₂	58 ¹ ₂	57 ¹ ₂	33 ¹ ₂	Husbands P	123	bL	2.15
71-84	9	101 ² ₂	108 ¹ ₂	96 ¹ ₂	33 ¹ ₂	11 ¹ ₂	Husbands P	121	bL	*1.80
79-74	8	128 ³ ₄	127 ¹ ₂	107 ³ ₄	107 ¹ ₂	41 ¹ ₂	Husbands P	121	bL	5.15
17 Jun 25 Ctm	4F	gd	:49h	4/25						
23 May 25 Kee	4F	ft	:50.1b	36/45						

2025:	4	0	0	1	\$13,285	Turf:	2	0	0	0	\$4,005
2024:	3	1	0	1	\$55,506	Off Track:	0	0	0	0	\$0
Life:	7	1	0	2	\$68,791	Distance:	0	0	0	0	\$0
ASD:	0	0	0	0	\$0	Course:	0	0	0	0	\$0
Pttngnthfl123hd Dncng Prky1233 Pner Storm Kngl12113	bmpd, chsdwide, flattend	5									
Early Adopter1183 King of Ashes1181 Anegada1183	stalk 3w, vied plc, yldd	12									
Bakers Street1213 English Law121hd Attack1213	pressed winner 3path	6									
Forged Steel12013 Versus12013 Ready for Peace1201	►bump after st, 2-3wd	8									
Church and State1211 Hammerhead11823 Attack1231	►leapt st, late energy	16									
Attack1213 Onrush121hd Cash the Money12143	►hop st, move 5w, edge by	10									
Ylivoiminen1181 Niigon's Law118ns Special Session1213	►taken up, lost path3/16	12									



BORDER SONG

3 Year Old - Dark Bay - Gelding

Owners: JDP Holdings Ltd. and Ironside Stables, Ltd.

Trainer: Robert Van Overschot • Jockey: Brian Boodramsingh

BORDER SONG

Probable odds: 15-1

Pedigree: Tapiture (\$10,000)-More Than a Song by More Than Ready
Bred in Texas by Asmussen & Woolsey, LLC. (Jan 10, 2022)

Border Song ships in from Alberta for trainer Robert Van Overschot, who won the 2021 Manitoba Derby with Uncharacteristic. Simply put, his trainer knows what it takes to win Manitoba's most prestigious race.

A lightly raced son of multiple graded stakes winner Tapiture, who finished second in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) and went on to sire millionaires Jesus' Team and Repo Rocks, Border Song's dam, More Than a Song, is by Grade 1 stakes winner More Than Ready, who has become one of Australia's top broodmare sires with multiple Group 1 and stakes winners. Could the Manitoba Derby be next?

Border Song didn't start until he was a 3-year-old, but the wait was worth it. He sizzled 5 ½ furlongs in his debut at Century Mile on May 24, running a half-mile in 44 3/5 seconds, five furlongs in 57 flat, and finishing 7 ¼ lengths ahead of the field in a rapid 1:03 3/5. Stretched out to seven furlongs for his next start in an allowance race, Border Song finished third, and then romped again in his next start at Century Mile going a mile and 70 yards, winning by 6 ¼ lengths over older horses.

Stretched out to 1 1/16 miles for his stakes debut in the \$50,000 Count Latham Stakes for his most recent start, Border Song finished fourth—but considering his obvious talent, his trainer, and his win-lose-win-lose pattern...

The best could be yet to come.

Border Song

Dk B/.g.3 Tapiture (\$10,000)-More Than a Song by More Than Ready
Bred in Texas by Asmussen & Woolsey, LLC. (Jan 10, 2022)

19Jul25 7 Ctm wf 1½ :46⁸⁷ 1:11⁰² 1:43³³ 3 Stk - CountLtm - 50k
05Jul25 7 Ctm ft 1⁷⁰ :47³⁸ 1:12¹⁸ 1:43¹⁷ 3† Alw 21500nw2/L
13Jun25 3 Ctm gd 7f :22⁹⁴ :46³⁶ 1:24³⁶ 3 Aoc 17000nw1/x-N
24May25 3 Ctm ft 5½ :21⁶² :44⁷⁶ 1:03⁶⁷ 3† Msw 28000
Workout(s): •30 Jun 25 Ctm 5F ft :58.2h 1/12 7 Jun 25 Ctm 6F ft 1:13.2h 3/3

63-62 4 74½ 75¼ 69½ 412 418½ Boodramsingh B 120 bL 3.80
78-86 4 54 41 51¼ 11 16¼ Boodramsingh B 118 bL 1.70
73-74 3 4 23 21 32 34½ Boodramsingh B 124 bL *.50
75-84 4 4 21½ 2hd 11 17¼ Boodramsingh B 120 bL 3.00
19 May 25 Ctm 3F ft :34.1h 1/2 10 May 25 Ctm 6F ft 1:13.2hg 2/3

2025: 4 2 0 1 \$34,300 Turf: 0 0 0 0 \$0
2024: 0 0 0 0 \$0 Off Track: 2 0 0 1 \$4,600
Life: 4 2 0 1 \$34,300 Distance: 0 0 0 0 \$0
ASD: 0 0 0 0 \$0 Course: 0 0 0 0 \$0
Pner Storm Kng1213¼ Pttngonthfol1241¼ Wood Cing1223¼ 5w,mild interest late 8
Border Song1186¼ Concrete Cowboy118hd J Dutton1233 waited,won easily 6
Dncng Porky1232¼ Thtswhitmhrfor1242 Bdr Song1244¼ lacked cising response 6
Border Song1207¼ Demand1236¼ Moon Mullins1255 much the best 5



JUST TRUST ME

3 Year Old - Bay - Colt

Owners: Eugene Burns and Dewey Williams

Trainer: Dewey Williams • Jockey: Antonio Whitehall

JUST TRUST ME

Probable odds: 5-1

Pedigree: Bodexpress (\$5,000)-Trust Fund Kitty by Kitten's Joy
Bred in California by Richard Barton Enterprises (Mar 14, 2022)

The winningest horse in this year's Manitoba Derby field, along with Take Charge Tom, Just Trust Me has won five of his lifetime starts for trainer Dewey Williams and his ownership partner Eugene Burns—and for good reason. He's fit, he's fast, and as game as they come.

In his most recent start, Just Trust Me finished second, beaten $\frac{3}{4}$ length by fellow Derby entrant Take Charge Tom—and it certainly wasn't for lack of trying. In his race prior, he finished second in the local Golden Boy Stakes, and in his first start here on June 3 after arriving from Turf Paradise, he won the Fancy As Overnight Stakes.

Just Trust Me also has the pedigree to back him up going the Derby distance of 1 1/8 miles. His dam, Trust Fund Kitty, is a half-sister to a two-time Maryland Million Turf Stakes winner, a race run at the Derby distance. His sire, Bodexpress, won the Clark Stakes (G1) and finished second in the Florida Derby (G1)—both races at 1 1/8 miles.

Purchased for just \$3,500 by Williams at a California yearling sale in 2023, Just Trust Me has turned into a fast money machine. He's now won at four different tracks—Del Mar, Pleasanton, Turf Paradise, and Assiniboia Downs—on both turf and dirt, and earned \$144,145.

A road warrior with a big heart.

Just Trust Me

NCA AUG YRLG & HRA 23 \$3,500

B.c.3 Bodexpress (\$5,000)-Trust Fund Kitty by Kitten's Joy
Bred in California by Richard Barton Enterprises (Mar 14, 2022)

14Jul25	3 Asd	ft	1m	:477 ³	1:128 ¹	1:415 ⁴	3	Stk - DrbyTrial - 50k	119-94	1	1hd	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Whitehall A	122	bL	8.55	Take Charge Tom122 $\frac{3}{4}$	Just Trust Me122 ⁶	War Is Hell117	gamely insd	3								
24Jun25	3 Asd	ft	6f	:242 ⁷	:471 ⁷	1:127 ¹	3	Stk - GoldenBoy - 50k	73-92	5	1	1hd	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2hd	2nk	Whitehall A	122	bL	1.25	Medicine Dog121nk	Just Trust Me122 ⁹	Coal Boy117 $\frac{3}{4}$	gave best otsd	5								
03Jun25	2 Asd	ft	5f	:24	:479 ⁶	1:007 ⁶	3	Stk - FancyAs - 25k	86-85	4	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	15	Whitehall A	122	bL	*.05	Just Trust Me122 ⁵	Shocking Malice121nk	Coal Boy1171 $\frac{1}{2}$	otsd, drew out	4								
29Apr25	3 Tup	fm	①	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	:240 ²	:478 ²	1:309 ⁷	Alw 28000	91-80	4	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1hd	Krigger K	121	bL	*1.00	Just Trust Me121hd	Sehorse Stmpede114nk	Benandonner119 $\frac{1}{2}$	rail, pace, driving	7								
17Apr25	5 Tup	ft	6f	:214 ²	:438 ⁶	1:093 ⁴	3	Aoc 75000 (75-50)nw1/x-N	106-81	6	1	2hd	2hd	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	Krigger K	121	bL	*2.20	Just Trust Me121 $\frac{1}{2}$	Reboso116 $\frac{1}{2}$	A Votre Sante121 $\frac{3}{4}$	duel inside,drew clear	8								
19Feb25	7 Tup	fm	①	28	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	:232 ⁵	:471 ⁷	1:295 ⁵	3	Stk - LKruytbsch - 40k	91-88	2	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	Krigger K	121	bL	2.30	Bodi Zafal119 $\frac{1}{2}$	Just Trust Me121 $\frac{3}{4}$	Don't Fly Stand By121 ¹	kept on, 2nd best	7						
04Feb25	8 Tup	fm	①	1m	:471 ³	1:120 ²	1:386 ⁷	3	Aoc 75000 (75-50)nw1/x-N	107-82	2	1hd	2 ¹	2hd	2hd	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	Krigger K	121	bL	3.90	Bodi Zafal121 $\frac{3}{4}$	Just Trust Me121 ¹	Bitterly122 $\frac{3}{4}$	cls,bid3/8,led stretch	7							
27Dec24	7 Tup	ft	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	:220 ⁸	:442 ⁰	1:156 ¹	2	Stk - LostFogJv - 40k	94-64	3	6	6 ¹	64 $\frac{3}{4}$	58	512 $\frac{3}{4}$	Ironeyes J R	121	b	19.80	The Chrg Tom119 $\frac{1}{2}$	Don't Fly Stnd By121 $\frac{3}{4}$	Cndy Cb1lo119 ⁷	stalk,2p,outkicked	9								
10Dec24	6 Tup	ft	6f	:220 ⁸	:449 ⁵	1:106 ⁶	2	Aoc 50000 (75-50)nw1/x	96-72	3	2	1hd	2hd	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{4}$	Ironeyes J R	121	b	3.10	Cndy Cb1lo121 $\frac{3}{4}$	Border Vigil122hd	Just Trust Me121 $\frac{1}{4}$	dueled btwn, weakened	6								
09Nov24	5 Dmr	fm	①	18	5f	:226 ⁹	:459 ⁸	:582 ⁴	2	⑤ Aoc 80000nw1/x	116-82	9	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2hd	2 ¹	62 $\frac{1}{4}$ *	Baze T	120	b	16.90	Run for Kidder120 $\frac{1}{2}$	Steak Fries120hd	Sevak120hd	duel outsd,yell upper,PL5th	10						
Workout(s): 26 May 25 Asd 4F ft :53.3b 16/16 9 Apr 25 Tup 5F ft 1:03.1h 6/6 25 Jan 25 Tup 5F ft :59.3h 3/18 30 Sep 24 SA 4F ft :48h 9/34																																



MALDINI

3 Year Old - Bay - Colt

Owners: Arnason Farms, Oslen S. Belle and Cristina C. Belle

Trainer: Lise Pruitt • Jockey: Sven Balroop

MALDINI

Probable odds: 15-1

Pedigree: Vino Rosso (\$25,000)-Never Sober by Silent Name (JPN)

Bred in Kentucky by Jay Goodwin & Chuck Wilkes (Apr 15, 2022)

Maldini might be one of the purest route horses in this year's Manitoba Derby. He's started eight times and has never run less than seven furlongs.

He's a son of multiple Grade 1-winning router and Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) victor Vino Rosso, but he also has some high-class speed in his pedigree. His dam, Never Sober, is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Silent Poet, who won the Highlander Stakes (G1) at Woodbine sprinting.

Maldini began his career in classy company, finishing second in a maiden special weight race at Gulfstream Park in Florida at a mile and 70 yards. He also routed on the turf at Gulfstream before winning his first race at Woodbine in a \$40,000 maiden claimer. He then won his next start in a \$40,000 optional claiming race going 1 1/16 miles, but was disqualified and placed second.

A \$60,000 purchase in the 2023 Keeneland Horses of All Ages Sale, Maldini has been claimed twice in his career—once for \$35,000 and again for \$40,000 two starts ago by current owners Barry Arnason, Oslen S. Belle and Cristina C. Belle, all longtime owners at Assiniboia Downs. He is now conditioned by perennial overachiever Lise Pruitt.

Arnason has finished second in the Manitoba Derby twice, most notably with Sovereign Award-winning mare Escape Clause, who ran her heart out in defeat in 2017 and went on to be named the 2018 Champion Older Mare in Canada.

Third time lucky?

Maldini

KEE JAN ALL AGES 2023 \$60,000

B.c.3 Vino Rosso (\$25,000)-Never Sober by Silent Name (JPN)

Bred in Kentucky by Jay Goodwin & Chuck Wilkes (Apr 15, 2022)

13Jul25 9 WO ft 1% :46⁹⁸ 1:11⁹⁷ 1:43⁷⁵ 3† Aoc 50000nw2/L-N 89-80 5 81¹¹ 89¹² 97¹⁴ 78³⁴ 61⁰¹ Wilson E 119 bL 22.60
21Jun25 11 WO ft 1% :49⁶⁸ 1:14²⁵ 1:44⁵³ 3† Ocl 40000nw2/L-c 48-84 4 85 85 96 95¹² 42* Civaci S 118 bL 4.90

Claimed by Arnason, Barry and Belle, Oslen S. from Bull and Bear Racing Stable for \$40,000, Tharrenos William - Trainer

31May25 5 WO ft 1% :48¹³ 1:12³⁰ 1:44⁹⁵ 3† Ocl 40000nw2/L 62-78 1 76³⁴ 88¹² 64¹² 31 11* Munger R 118 bL 6.65
11May25 7 WO ft 7f :23⁸⁸ :48⁰⁹ 1:25²⁹ 3 Moc 40000cnd 30-75 1 8 87 86 63³⁴ 12 Moran P 116⁵ bL 8.80
03Apr25 8 GP fm 10¹⁰ 1m :47⁴⁶ 1:11⁸⁰ 1:35⁹⁷ 3 Mcl 25000 69-66 5 78 76 73 84¹² 64³⁴ Lopez P 118 bL 3.30
02Mar25 11 GP fm 59 1% :47⁴⁰ 1:11³⁰ 1:47⁵⁵ 3 Msw 94000 70-67 4 121¹¹ 129¹⁴ 126¹⁴ 116 111⁰³ Van Dyke D 118 bL 66.50
15Jan25 9 GP fm 52 7% :23²⁴ :47⁶⁶ 1:28⁴¹ 3 Mcl 35000-c 56-72 2 7 53¹² 52¹² 55 45¹⁴ Saez L 118 bL 4.00

Claimed by Bull and Bear Stable from JR Ranch for \$35,000, Delgado Gustavo - Trainer

17Nov24 3 GP ft 170 :47⁸⁵ 1:12⁹⁴ 1:42²³ 2 Mcl 35000 65-69 4 75¹² 76¹² 63¹² 44¹² 22¹² Lopez P 119 4.30

Workout(s): 5 Jul 25 WO 4F ft :51.2b 92/94 3 May 25 WO 4F ft :48.4b 60/113 27 Apr 25 WO 4F ft :49b 86/142 •15 Feb 25 GP 4F ft :46.2b 1/19

2025: 7 1 1 1 \$42,229 Turf: 3 0 0 0 \$2,070
2024: 1 0 1 0 \$5,880 Off Track: 0 0 0 0 \$0
Life: 8 1 2 1 \$48,109 Distance: 0 0 0 0 \$0
ASD: 0 0 0 0 \$0 Course: 0 0 0 0 \$0

Spcl Ssn121nk Ashly's Archr119¹⁴ English Actr124¹⁴ settled,3-4w,pass foes 10
Prr117nk Unbridled Wether118¹ Humber River118³ brk out,ckck1/8,surged,PL3rd 9

Maldini118¹ Cabernaydo122ns *Pierre*117¹² brsh st,drift1/8,gotup,DQ2nd 8
Mldini116² *Deputy Daddy*118¹⁴ Captivating Name118¹⁴ bob brk,drove by7w 70y 8
Drem Scheme118ns Sponge Time119³ Flag Officer118¹⁴ 2p1/4,swung5p stretch 9
Bulldoze118nk Fateful Lightning118¹⁴ Buzz Rocket118nk svd gnd,no bid 12
I'm Due118⁴ Rashid118¹⁴ Dazzle A. P.118ns rail,4wd 3/16, evenly 10

Il Aichemysta119²⁴ Maldini119²⁴ My Boy Rocky119³ bump st,2wd,5wd 1/4 8



MR JAWS

3 Year Old - Chestnut - Gelding

Owner: Henry S. Witt, Jr.

Trainer: Jerry Gourneau • Jockey: Prayven Badrie

MR JAWS

Probable odds: 25-1

Pedigree: Bradester (\$3,000)-Spanish Angel by Early Flyer

Bred in Texas by GFB Racing (Feb 2, 2022)

Mr Jaws ships in from Texas for five-time leading trainer Jerry Gourneau and six-time leading owner Henry S. Witt, Jr., who teamed up to win the 2023 Manitoba Derby with longshot Mano Dura.

In his most recent start, the son of Stephen Foster Handicap (G1) winner Bradester finished tenth going a mile on the turf at Lone Star Park, but he had all kinds of trouble in that race, and his record before that was excellent.

Mr Jaws began his career sprinting at Remington Park and won his first race in a maiden special weight affair at Sam Houston Race Park going a mile. After finishing tenth in an allowance race on the turf at Lone Star Park in his next start, he was unceremoniously dropped into a \$7,500 claiming race and finished second, beaten a neck. He came right back for the same price and won his next start going seven furlongs. This time, he was nabbed by the Witt-Gourneau combo and immediately returned dividends in his next outing by winning a \$25,000 claimer going a mile on the turf.

The aforementioned troubled trip in his next start served as his prep for the Manitoba Derby, and that tenth-place finish could make him a price on Derby Day. A router with speed, he'll be hoping to live up to his famous namesake.

The Derby field is on his lunch list.

Mr Jaws

Ch.g.3 Bradester (\$3,000)-Spanish Angel by Early Flyer

Bred in Texas by GFB Racing (Feb 02, 2022)

13Jul25 9LS gd ① 1m :46⁵² 1:10⁶⁷ 1:35⁴¹ 3† [S] Alw 33500nw1/x
07Jun25 10LS fm ① 1m :45⁶⁹ 1:09⁹⁶ 1:35⁵² 3† Clm 25000nw3/L
18May25 4LS ft 7f :23⁰³ :46⁷⁹ 1:25⁹⁴ 3† [S] Clm 7500nw2/L-c

Claimed by Witt, Jr. Henry S. from Gee Family Racing LLC for \$7,500, Pish Danny - Trainer

27Apr25 4LS ft 1m :48²⁵ 1:14³⁸ 1:42¹⁹ 3† [S] Clm 7500nw2/L
17Apr25 8LS fm ①²⁰ 1m :46⁸⁵ 1:11¹⁰ 1:35⁷⁰ 3† [S] Alw 33500nw1/x
21Mar25 4Hou ft 1m :50¹⁴ 1:15⁴⁸ 1:42⁰¹ 35 [S] Msw 33000
02Mar25 8Hou ft 1m :49⁴² 1:14⁸⁴ 1:41¹⁸ 35 [S] Msw 33000
09Feb25 8Hou fm ①¹⁸ 1m :48⁷⁷ 1:14³¹ 1:40⁰¹ 35 [S] Msw 33000
25Jan25 4Hou ft 1m :48⁴¹ 1:14⁶⁵ 1:42³⁰ 3 [S] Mcl 50000
06Dec24 5RP ft 6f :22⁷² :46⁷⁵ 1:13⁰⁴ 2 Msw 34000

Workout(s): •12 May 25 LS 4F ft :48.4b 1/8 10 Apr 25 LS 4F ft :48.4b 11/26

71-72 7 75³ 78¹ 106¹ 98¹ 109¹ ValdezJimenez E 120 bL
103-88 9 32³ 34³ 32² 21¹ 1¹ ValdezJimenez E 119 bL
75-72 4 6 42⁴ 41¹ 14³ Diaz R 119 bL
95-73 5 2¹ 1¹ 14¹ 2nk Wiseman I 119 bL
90-72 2 53³ 43³ 65 88¹ 101⁴ Manrique F J 118 bL
42-66 3 62¹ 2¹ 1hd 13¹ 17³ Manrique F J 120 bL
63-76 1 1¹ 1¹ 11 2hd 2¹ Manrique F J 119 bL
69-55 3 31¹ 31¹ 21 34 411¹ Manrique F J 119 bL
73-32 5 3¹ 3nk 3nk 53¹ 51⁴ Wethey Jr. F 122 bL
60-47 2 6 64 63³ 51⁰ 513³ Manrique F J 118 b

2025: 9 3 2 0 \$55,385 Turf: 5 1 0 0 \$12,615
2024: 3 0 1 0 \$7,866 Off Track: 2 0 1 0 \$6,866
Life: 12 3 3 0 \$63,251 Distance: 0 0 0 0 \$0
ASD: 0 0 0 0 \$0 Course: 0 0 0 0 \$0

3.40 1018 Summer Help124¹ Texas Creed122² Binary Code120¹ ▶stdy early,mv,chk 5/16 12
18.50 976 Mr Jaws119¹ Ain't That a Kick124nk Mighty Message124¹ 4-w 2nd, best 9
*.30 961 Mr Jaws1194³ Cloudy Past122⁴ Fando124¹ boxed in, ridden out 8

959 Tap to Connect124nk Mr Jaws1199³ Mucho Macho Cam124⁵ 3-w 2nd, 2nd best 7
977 Silvr Assssin124² Cnyon Str118¹ Provn Advocet124¹ 2w, used up, gave way. 10
Mr Jaws1207³ Bradix124² Xander S124³ took command 1/2 8
Expect Glory123¹ Mr Jaws1199³ Silent Bling123nk slw pace,game str duel 10
Silvr Stf Ht123⁵ He's Charming123³ Ihvetoomuchir123³ ▶bump,stk3w,lugged str 10
Cloudy Past122³ Heats Hero122³ Drama King122⁴ prompted 3w,faded 10
Golden Grit118nk Gold Front119nd Stormy At Midnight118¹ unhurried, no threat 7





WAR IS HELL

3 Year Old - Chestnut - Gelding

Owners: Homer Thoroughbreds

Trainer: Jason Homer • Jockey: Ciera Pruitt

WAR IS HELL

Probable odds: 50-1

Pedigree: Om (\$6,000)-This Means War by War Chant

Bred in California by Harris Farms, Inc. & John Nicoletti (Feb 4, 2022)

War Is Hell will be a longshot in this year's Manitoba Derby, but he is definitely on the improve for trainer Jason Homer, who has been rocking the tote board ever since he arrived here from Fonner Park this spring.

In his most recent start, War Is Hell finished third, beaten 6 ¾ lengths by fellow Derby entrants Take Charge Tom and Just Trust Me in the Derby Trial. He improved his Beyer Speed Figure by 11 points that day, and another move forward could be forthcoming considering his pedigree.

War Is Hell is by Om, who won multiple graded stakes going 1 1/8 miles on the turf, but also had enough high-class speed to finish second going five furlongs in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1). War Is Hell is also a half-brother to multiple stakes winner Chancery Way, who earned over \$400,000, winning on both turf and dirt on the tough California circuit.

He started his career in maiden special weight races at Del Mar, then finished in the money on numerous occasions at Fresno, Turf Paradise, and Fonner Park before arriving at Assiniboia Downs. He finished a troubled third in his first local start and followed that up with a win two starts ago in a maiden special weight sprint.

His most recent effort in the Derby Trial was his first local try over a distance of ground, and while he wasn't gaining ground in the stretch, he wasn't losing any either.

Sleeper at a price.

War Is Hell

Ch.g.3 Om (\$6,000)-This Means War by War Chant

Bred in California by Harris Farms, Inc. & John Nicoletti (Feb 04, 2022)

14Jul25	3 Asd	ft	1m	:477 ³	1:12 ⁸¹	1:41 ⁵⁴	3	Stk - DrbyTrial - 50k	103-84	3	3 ²	35	35 ¹ ₂	36 ¹ ₂	36 ³ ₄	Pruitt C	117	L	21.95	2025:	9	1	1	3	\$25,545	Turf:	2	0	0	1	\$2,600
02Jul25	2 Asd	ft	6f	:24 ⁰⁵	:47 ²²	1:13 ¹⁵	3†	Msw 20000	46-64	1	7	32	1hd	1 ¹ ₂	1 ¹ ₂	Pruitt C	113 ¹ _Q		3.00	2024:	4	0	0	2	\$4,810	Off Track:	0	0	0	0	\$0
18Jun25	4 Asd	ft	5½	:23 ⁹⁵	:48 ⁴⁵	1:08 ⁰⁸	3†	Msw 20000	63-57	4	2	43	33	23	35 ¹ ₂	Pruitt C	111 ¹ _Q		*1.70	Life:	13	1	1	5	\$30,355	Distance:	0	0	0	0	\$0
02Jun25	5 Asd	ft	5½	:23 ⁹⁵	:48 ⁰⁷	1:07 ⁶⁵	3	Msw 20000	80-57	5	2	2hd	1hd	44 ¹ ₂	46 ¹ ₂	Stephenson N	122	L	6.45	ASD:	4	1	0	2	\$20,395	Course:	0	0	0	0	\$0
25Apr25	1 Fon	ft	6f	:24 ⁶⁰	:49 ²⁰	1:15 ⁰⁰	3	Msw 10000	52-40	3	1	2hd	2hd	42 ¹ ₂	77 ¹ ₂	Hisby R	122	BL	4.00	Take Charge Tom122 ³ Just Trust Me122 ⁶ War Is Hell117 stlk pressurd pce insd 3											
05Apr25	2 Fon	ft	6f	:24 ⁶⁰	:49 ⁰⁰	1:13 ⁴⁰	3†	Msw 10000	50-63	3	2	1½	2½	21	22 ¹ ₂	Nunnally B	121	BL	3.30	Wr Is Hell113 ¹ ₃ Calming Force122 ¹ ₃ Rocky Top Mischief124 ² insd trip, held well 8											
15Mar25	3 Fon	ft	6½	:23 ⁸⁰	:47 ⁶⁰	1:19 ²⁰	3†	Msw 10000	41-46	2	1	31 ¹ ₂	42 ¹ ₂	54 ¹ ₂	69 ³ ₄	McNeil B	121	BL	4.60	Red Rod Runner119 ⁵ Rocky Top Mischief124 ¹ Wr Is Hell111 ¹ ₃ ▶bthrd, stldied erly 5											
28Jan25	6 Tup	ft	1m	:46 ³⁷	1:10 ²²	1:37 ³⁴	3	Moc 30000	71-54	6	52 ¹ ₄	53 ¹ ₂	56 ¹ ₂	56	47 ¹ ₂	Americano M	116 ⁵ _{BL}		5.30	Bottle Caps122 ³ Red Road Runner122 ² Counter Command122 ¹ dueled btw hrs 8											
02Jan25	4 Tup	fm ①	7½	:23 ³⁶	:47 ⁶⁹	1:31 ⁸⁵	3	Moc 30000	102-63	3	3	32	21	41 ¹ ₂	32	Americano M	116 ⁵ _{BL}		3.50	Stunning Bruno122 ^{nk} Rmining Nm1ss122 ³ Romns Word122 ² pace btwn, weakened 7											
13Nov24	4 Tup	ft	5f	:22 ⁴¹	:45 ⁷³	:58 ²⁰	2	Moc 30000-N	59-59	3	5	31 ¹ ₂	44	46	35	Americano M	116 ⁵ _b		16.60	Code One125 ² ₃ War Is Hell121 ⁴ ₃ P R Call Me Maybe125 ⁷ ▶came in brk,bump 5											
Workout(s): 27 May 25 Asd 4F ft :51.4b 23/25 21 May 25 Asd 3F ft :40b 9/9									•9 Mar 25 Fon 4F ft :47.2b 1/45 2 Mar 25 Fon 3F ft :38b 17/22									Willie Cat126 ³ ₃ Dubaian Money121 ^{nk} Guns121 ³ ₃ stalked 2p, faded 8													
																		Brnddnr121 ¹ ₃ Come On Multich121 ^{nk} Flittermeincourt121 ⁶ ₃ 4-5w early, nd more 8													
																		Desert Breeze121 ¹ ₁ By Decreed121 ¹ ₁ War Is Hell116 ^{ns} ▶steadied 1st turn,4wd 7													
																		F B I Bob121 ⁴ ₃ Ode to My Bro Bob121 ³ ₃ War Is Hell116 ^{nk} track,3p,late gain 10													



Manitoba Derby Facts & Figures

By Bob Gates
Track Historian

- The Manitoba Derby was inaugurated in 1930 by R. James Speers and was run in Winnipeg for 11 years with a \$2,000 Added purse. In 1941 the race name was changed to the Canadian Derby which was run at Polo Park racetrack until Polo closed in 1956. In 1957 the Canadian Derby was moved to Edmonton where it has been run ever since. In 1960 Jack Hardy renewed the Manitoba Derby and on August 13, 1960 Assiniboia Downs hosted the 12th running of the Derby that carried a \$12,000 Added purse.
- Name - 1930 to 1933 run as the Manitoba Stakes. In 1934 the race was renamed the Manitoba Derby.
- Track - 1930 to 1936 and 1938 to 1940 the Derby was run at Polo Park racetrack, in 1937 at Whittier Park and 1960 to date at Assiniboia Downs.
- Distance - 1930 to 1933, one mile, 1934 to 1940 and 1960 to 1967 one and one quarter miles and 1968 to date one and one eighth miles.
- First Winner - Jack Whittier, owner/trainer, L. Ronald, jockey, D. Hurlburt.
- Purse Money - Over the years the Derby purse grew to \$70,000 (Guaranteed) for the 1970 Manitoba Centennial Derby making it the richest race run in western Canada. In 1973 and 1974 the purse reached \$100,000 (Guaranteed). The 1973 purse made Manitoba's Derby the second richest horse race in Canada, behind only the Queen's Plate.
- The 1973 Derby purse was responsible for the Queen's Plate increasing its purse from \$50,000 (Added) to \$75,000 (Added) in 1973. For 14 years (1959 to 1973) the Plate had been a \$50,000 (Added) event, but to continue calling itself Canada's richest thoroughbred horse race a revision of the purse was necessary.
- The Derby was reduced in value from 1975 to 1987 but was raised to \$100,000 (Guaranteed) from 1988 to 1993 and then again from 1998 to 2008. From 2009 to 2019 the Derby purse was set at \$75,000. The 2020 race was worth \$60,000 (Guaranteed). In 2021 the Derby purse returned to \$75,000 G. The 2022 edition featured a purse of \$100,000 G. The 2023 and 2024 race saw the purse grow to \$125,000 G, and this year's Derby is once again worth \$125,000 G.
- Most Wins, Jockey - 3, Scott Stevens (2003, 2006, 2016) & Frank Licata (1991, 1996, 1999).
- Most Wins, Trainer - 4, Robertino Diodoro (2016, 2018, 2019, 2022).
- Most Wins, Owner - 3, J. L. Levesque (1970, 1975, 1977)



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- Fastest Time - 1:47 3/5 Overskate 1978 Manitoba Derby & Assiniboia Downs track record for one and one eighth miles
 - Slowest Time - 1:56 1/5 Kamp Out 1985 (since 1968 for one and one eighth miles sloppy track).
 - Longest-Priced Winner - \$101.80 Jan Artic 1992
 - Shortest-Priced Winner - \$2.10 L'Enjoleur 1975
 - No Mutuels Sold (No Betting Races) - 1937 & 1939.
 - Winning Favourites – 40.8%
 - Favourites Finishing in Top 3 – 80.3%
 - Largest Field - 14 runners 1970
 - Smallest Field - 4 runners 1937 & 1939
 - Largest Margin of Victory - 14 lengths, Langcrest 1964
 - Smallest Margin of Victory - Head, Son Costume and Dainty Davie 1968, Fire N Desire and Icy Song 1969, Lord Kipling and The Max 2006
 - Earliest Derby Running Date - July 2, 1940
 - Latest Derby Running Date - September 18, 1977
 - Wins by Fillies - 7, 1931 Parisienne, 1932 Lady Marnock, 1933 Carhan Queen, 1935 Nellie Quince, 1936 Sweepden, 1938 Gowerlace (Manitoba Bred) and 1970 Fanfreluche
 - Wins by Manitoba Breds - 3, 1938 Gowerlace, 1976 Merry's Jay and 1993 Royal Frolic
 - Largest Derby Crowd - 11,127 for the Manitoba Centennial Derby on July 15, 1970
 - Largest Derby Day Handle - \$3,743,784 – August 5, 2024 (bettering the previous record of \$3,708,804 which was set August 7, 2023)

Who Knew?

- On July 15, 1970 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, husband Prince Phillip, daughter Princess Anne and future King, son Charles attended the 22nd running of the Manitoba Centennial Derby and made the trophy presentation to the winning connections. This marked the first time the Queen's Cup trophy (donated by Her Majesty) was presented.
- 1977 Manitoba Derby winner, Giboulee ran seventh in the Kentucky Derby that year and was one of fifteen horses that took on Triple Crown Seattle Slew.
- Julie Krone became the first female rider to win the Derby when she rode No Malice to victory in 1988.



\$100,000 Derby Bonus

\$25,000 Owner/Trainer Bonus

1st Leg - **Assiniboia Downs** - Monday, August 4 - \$125,000 Manitoba Derby

2nd Leg - **Century Mile** - Saturday, August 23 - \$200,000 Canadian Derby

3rd Leg - **Hastings Racecourse** - Saturday, September 13 - \$125,000 B.C. Derby

The **\$100,000 Derby Bonus** will be awarded to any horse that wins all three legs of the series: the Manitoba Derby, the Canadian Derby, and the B.C. Derby.

The **\$25,000 Owner-Trainer Bonus** program rewards the most successful and consistent participants across the Derby Series. Points are awarded to horses per finish—6 for 1st, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 2 for 4th, and 1 for 5th or lower.

Horses must compete in at least two of the three Derby races to qualify. Owners accumulate points based on each individual horse's total, while trainers collect points from all of their starters combined.

An extra 3-point bonus is added for horses that start in all three Derbies. After the B.C. Derby, the \$25,000 will be divided equally between the top three owners and top three trainers as follows:

\$12,500 Owner's Bonus: 1st - \$7,000, 2nd - \$3,500, 3rd - \$2,000

\$12,500 Trainer's Bonus: 1st - \$7,000, 2nd - \$3,500, 3rd - \$2,000

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- Draws will be made each race night at 10 p.m.
- 1 for \$10, 10 for \$20, 50 for \$50, 200 for \$100
- Tickets can be purchased from the VLT cashier's cage, Guest Services, from the designated 50/50 seller or online at 5050.ASDowns.com
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